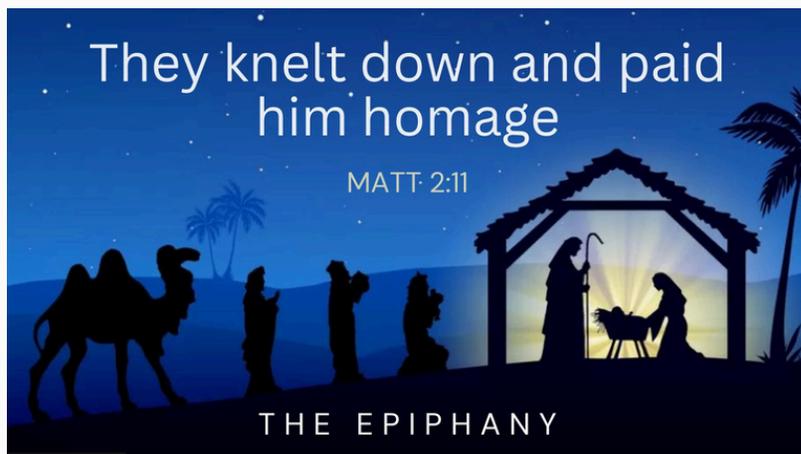


GOD WITH US

St. Gerard's Catholic Church 8944 Elbow Drive SW Calgary, AB, T2V 1L2 403-253-2251 Website: stgerards.ca



This Sunday's Gospel teaches that Christ is revealed as Savior not only to Israel, but to all nations who seek Him with faith and humility.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 pm
First Fridays 9:30 - 10:10 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

September - June

Monday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)

Afternoons **by appointment only:**

from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

July - August

Closed Mondays

Tuesday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

- Jan 1** New Years Day Mass 10:00 AM
- Jan 2** First Friday Adoration 9:30 - 10:10 AM
First Friday Muffin Social

Office Open January 2 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Regular Office Hours resume Monday, January 5, 2026

- Jan 4** Children's Liturgy 11:00 AM
- Jan 5** New Years Day Mass 10:00 AM
- Jan 7** Card Party 9:30 AM, Bible Study 9:45 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM, OCIA 7:00 PM
- Jan 8** Liturgy Ministry 7:00 PM
- Jan 10** First Reconciliation Session 6 8:30 AM
COR Men's Group 10:00 AM
- Jan 11** Children's Liturgy 11:00 AM
- Jan 13** Money Counter Meeting 11:00 AM
Funeral Mass Pre-Planning 7:15 PM
- Jan 14** Card Party 9:30 AM, Bible Study 9:45 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM, OCIA 7:00 PM
- Jan 17** First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00 AM
K of C & CWL Membership Drive 5:00 PM
- Jan 18** K of C & CWL Membership Drive after 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses





New Year Blessings

As we welcome a new year, we pause to give thanks for the grace that has carried us through the past twelve months. Each season brought its own joys and challenges, yet in all of it God remained faithful: guiding, strengthening, and quietly working in ways we may only now begin to see.

A new year invites us to begin again. Not by forgetting what has shaped us, but by allowing God to renew our hearts with hope. We step forward trusting that the same God who walked with us yesterday is already present in the days ahead—preparing paths, opening possibilities, and planting seeds of new life.

May this year be a time of healing where wounds linger, courage where decisions await, and peace where worry has taken root. May we grow in compassion, patience, and generosity, becoming signs of Christ's love in our homes, workplaces, and community. And may we notice the quiet blessings that fill ordinary days: a kind word, a shared laugh, a moment of stillness, a reminder that we are never alone.

As a parish family, let us continue to support one another, pray for one another, and celebrate the many ways God is at work among us. May the Holy Spirit guide our steps, deepen our faith, and fill our hearts with renewed joy. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled New Year.

Fr. Ignatius Tran

Weekly Financial Pulse 2025

Rolling Financial Pulse	
Surplus /-Loss to October 31, 2025	\$1,621
Weekly Collections	
07-Dec	\$ 14,277.00
14-Dec	\$ 11,700.00
21-Dec	\$ 14,903.00
28-Dec	\$ 29,099.00
31-Dec	
Total December 2025	\$ 69,979.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 40,444.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	\$ 29,535.00



Important Announcement for All Parishioners

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We thank you for your support for the parish. Any TIA surplus in 2025 will help cover upcoming capital expenditures.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the diocesan goal of \$2 million.

St. Gerard's Recycle Fundraiser

Turn Cans Into Blessings

4th Sunday of the Month

Next one: **JANUARY 25**

Money raised will go to Coffee Fellowship and Altar Flowers

Drop off in the St. Gerard's overflow parking

10 AM - 12:30 PM

Due to limited space, please do not drop off early.

Thank you to Tim and Kam Renfrow (T & K Curbside Recyclers) for their logistical support!



Thank you for your support!

Did you know?

You will receive a Tax receipt for \$20+ donations?

Can you help...

to cover our increasing operating cost? Please consider increasing your regular donations **10%** this year.

CLICK TO DONATE



Help Fund our Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Free will donations accepted. Every dollar helps! Thank you volunteers and donors.

Ministry in Action

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition

PHIL & GERALDINE MALTBY



What better way to give your time than together as a couple? You'll find Geraldine and Phil serving side by side as ushers at Saturday's 5 pm Mass, where their warmth and hospitality welcome everyone who walks through our doors. As longtime parishioners of St. Gerard's, it's never a dull moment with these two—from shopping for coffee fellowship supplies to preparing the altar for liturgy.

Beyond their shared ministry, both serve individually in ways that strengthen our community. Phil assists the Pastoral Care team at Mayfair Nursing Home and serves as an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Geraldine contributes her talents to the Indoor Environmental Team. And whenever her team needs a little muscle, Phil is right there ready to help. Together and individually, Geraldine and Phil exemplify the spirit of joyful, committed service that makes St. Gerard's the vibrant community it is.

**Thank you Geraldine and Phil
for your dedication to our
parish community.**

Children's Liturgy

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Children's Liturgy Resumes January 4.**

Catechists please connect with Marcia to complete requirements needed. **Registration required.** See website for forms.



**Thank you to all volunteers at the Children's
Christmas Eve Mass on December 24, 2025.
Your help is truly appreciated.
Merry Christmas to you and your family!**

Sacramental Preparation Update

**First Reconciliation Gathering resumes
January 10, 2026 at 8:30 AM**

January 17 Reconciliation Retreat

9:00 AM Retreat starts

11:00 AM Reconciliation Celebration

12:00 PM Fellowship Potluck Lunch

Little Rock Bible Study Jan '26

SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS

Bible Study resumes January 7 for both AM and PM (Evening) sessions.

Click [here](#) for the complete schedule. Sign up for next bible - Gospel of Mark part 1 and 2

Parish Updates

All Catholic men and women 18+
JOIN US and experience the joy of a charity-based life.



**Knights of Columbus
and CWL**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

January 17 and 18

Saturday and Sunday after all masses
Goodies and video after 9 and 11 AM masses

**Do you hear the call?
This is your time!
Take a giant step this New Year!**

65th Photo Orders Update

Please note that the **65th Anniversary Photo Directory is in progress**. Please bear with us as we put the stories, photos and edits together. **Release date TBD**. Special Thanks for Ms. Helene Couture for her assistance on putting memorabilia's together.

For those who had photo orders at the time of their photo sitting, your order should have been completed (ie. sent via email as of March 11 and prints shipped April 22, 2025). **If you have not received them, please call IPC Photo at 1-800-391-5161 ext. 114 or 115 . Please have your invoice number ready for ease of finding your file.**

Thank you for your patience & understanding. It takes a village to celebrate milestones.

Thank you!



Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The new Dyson Airblade hand dryers have been installed in both the ladies' and men's washrooms.

Work Order Forms

Should an area in the parish need immediate attention, please fill in a **Work Order Maintenance Form located in the Parish Kitchen/ Men's or Ladies washroom**. Submit forms in the envelope near the parish office mailbox. We here to serve you better. Thank you!



Funeral Mass Pre-Planning Tues Jan 13 at 7:15 PM



Join **Sheila Padley**, St. Gerard's Funeral Ministry Coordinator, for an informative session on Funeral Mass pre-planning. Get answers to frequently asked questions and learn how thoughtful planning can help make things easier for your loved ones. All parishioners are invited. Presentation in the church. Refreshments to follow in the North hall. Sponsored by the CWL.



Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec 30 @ 5:00 PM	No Mass Int.	
Wed. Dec 31 @ 5:00PM	No Mass Int.	
Thurs. Jan 1 @ 10:00AM	No Mass Int.	
Fri. Jan 2 @ 9:00AM	Levstik Family	RIP
Sat. Jan 3 @ 5:00PM	Pro Populo	
Sun. Jan 4 @ 9:00AM	Joan Watier	RIP
Sun. Jan 4 @ 11:00AM	Rozi Zorko	RIP

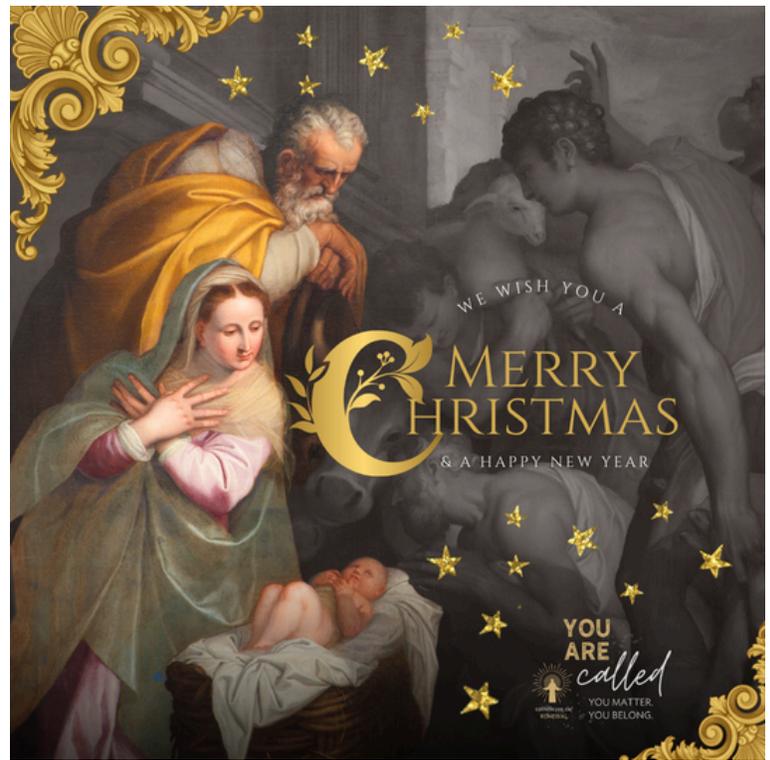


Monthly Birthday Celebrations

Last Friday of the month after Mass
Come celebrate with us.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

January Birthdays

Wendellin Hoffart/ Art Sumague	01-Jan
Simeon Abuan	05-Jan
Adela Piotrowski	06-Jan
Gabriel Van Meter	07-Jan
Pablo Canaveral	09-Jan
Ruth Weiberg	10-Jan
Melissa Emmelkamp	12-Jan
Gordon Skaluba	14-Jan
Thomasz Czarnomski	14-Jan
Roland Abuan / Dannica Dulay	16-Jan
Roseline Ibe	18-Jan
Anysia Ibe	21-Jan
Miguel Witheridge / Osey Onuoha	22-Jan
Judy Millman	23-Jan
Marie Robertson	23-Jan
Michael Angelo Macaraeg	31-Jan



Christmas Office Hours

Dec 24 Office hours: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Office Closed December 25 - January 1, 2026
Office Open January 2, 2026 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Regular Office Hours resume Mon, Jan 5, 2026



Wanted

New and used Christmas Cards
for the Mission Council
card-making program.

Drop off at the Hospitality Desk: Mission Council Box
or to the Parish Office. Thank You!



Community Generosity Brings Christmas Joy to Families in Need

During the month of December, the St. Vincent de Paul elves were hard at work making Christmas wishes come true for those in need. This year, approximately **120 hampers** were delivered, supporting **243 adults and 144 children**. These hampers included food or food vouchers, bread, chocolates, as well as gifts and coats for the children. We were also able to assist one family with rent during this time.

None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of our donors and the many sacrifices made by individuals, families, parish groups such as the CWL, Knights of Columbus, and Cookie Walk team, as well as local businesses including Kevin's No Frills and COBS Bread, and St. Catherine and Our Lady of the Rockies Schools. Your heartfelt giving made a meaningful difference for families in our community. We offer special appreciation to one young man who, having received St. Vincent de Paul hampers as a child, chose to give back through a very generous donation. Though he humbly said he was not wealthy, his gift spoke volumes about gratitude and compassion.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our dedicated Christmas elves who answered calls, shopped, organized, wrapped gifts, created cards, packed, carried, and delivered hampers—bringing joy, relief, and hope to so many this Christmas season.

Sue McAvoy,
President SSVP at St. Gerard's Parish

Christmas Day Potluck Buffet

DECEMBER 25 POTLUCK

Christmas Day Buffet

AFTER THE
10 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thank You, Parish Family!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who joined us for our Christmas Day celebration and to the many generous volunteers who made it possible.

Because of your kindness, hard work, and spirit of service, **91 Christmas dinners** were lovingly prepared and shared in our parish hall.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed in so many ways — from the generous donors who provided the traditional Christmas dinner, to the hard-working kitchen chefs who prepared it with care. We also thank the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, serving, and clean-up, as well as all who brought beverages, potluck dishes and desserts, many of which required thoughtful planning and hours of preparation at home. Your generosity truly enriched the feast and made it a joyful and abundant celebration.

The warm fellowship, and shared laughter made the celebration especially meaningful — and for those who stayed to the end, karaoke added an extra note of fun, bringing the afternoon to a delightful close.

By coming together in the true spirit of Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Lord, you made the day one of joy, generosity, and community. Your presence, hospitality, and willingness to serve are a true blessing to our parish family.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you abundantly in the New Year!



Karaoke cheer!



Welcome everyone!



Bless the cooks and the delicious food!



Hard-working clean-up team



Christmas magic!

Kid's Page & More



Saints Comic Strip

by Jacob Chang

Do you have a saint in mind for a comic strip? **Connect with the office** to Help Jacob Chang create awareness about Saints. Let us continue this Jubilee Year of Hope by walking with the Saints.

[Diocesan Sunday Updates](#)

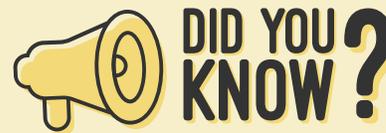
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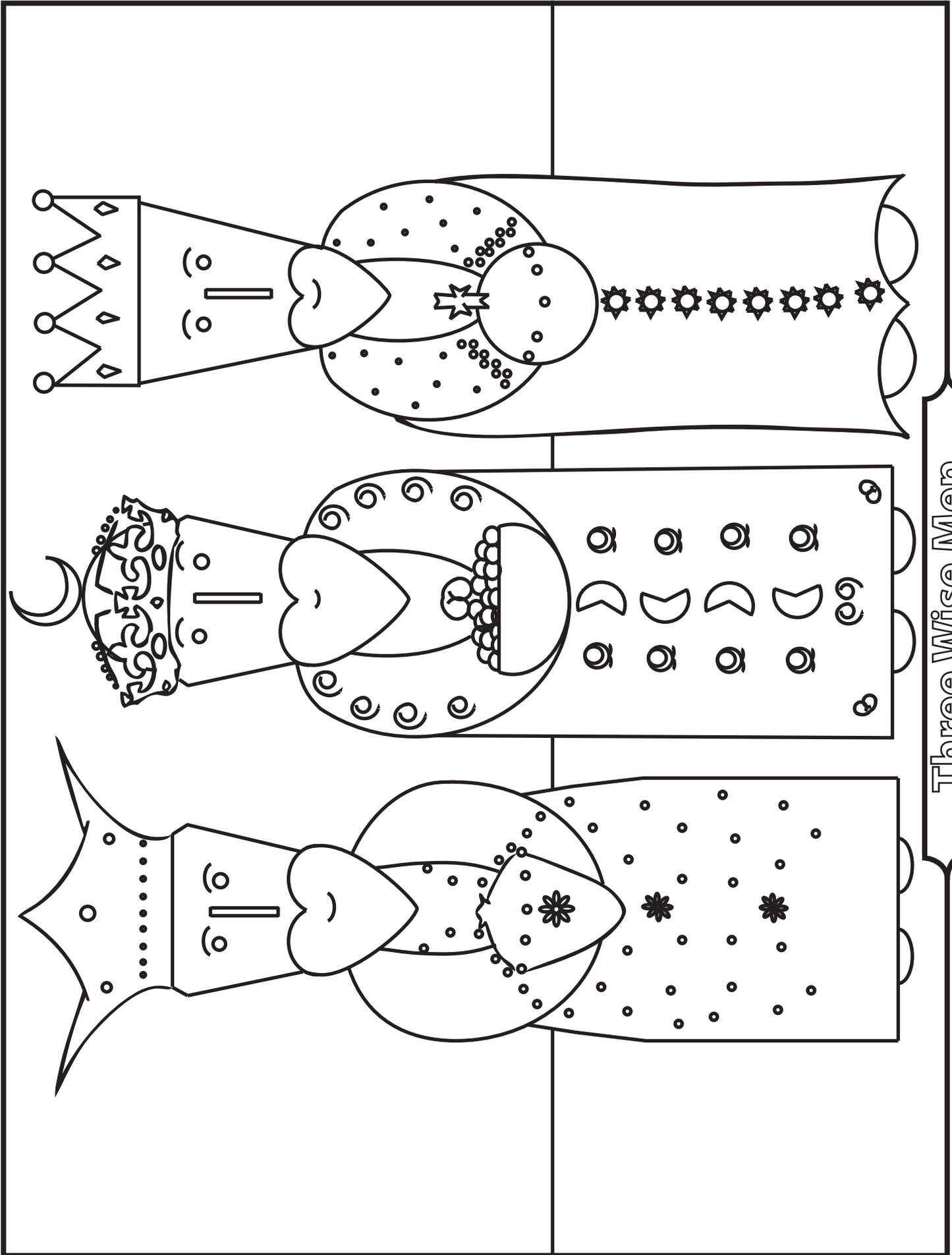
Become a Member of St. Gerard's Parish

Have you officially registered to become a member of our parish? **SIGN UP TODAY!**

[Click Here](#)



The Epiphany, meaning "manifestation," celebrates Christ being revealed to all nations. The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh — gifts symbolizing His kingship, divinity, and future suffering. Though often called kings, Scripture names them only as learned men from the East, possibly Persia or Arabia, guided by a star to honor the newborn Savior.



Three Wise Men